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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by: (CE)

AN ACT EXTENDING THE MANUFACTURING APPRENTICESHIP TAX CREDIT TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 12-217g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022, and applicable to income or taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2022*):
- 4 (a) (1) There shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer against the tax 5 imposed under this chapter, chapter 228z or chapter 229, other than the 6 liability imposed by section 12-707, for any income or taxable year with 7 respect to each apprenticeship in the manufacturing trades commenced 8 by such taxpayer in such year under a qualified apprenticeship training 9 program as described in subsection (d) of this section, certified in 10 accordance with regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions 11 of chapter 54 by the Labor Commissioner and registered with the 12 Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established under section 31-13 22n, in an amount equal to six dollars per hour multiplied by the total 14 number of hours worked during the income or taxable year by 15 apprentices in the first half of a two-year term of apprenticeship and the

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first three-quarters of a four-year term of apprenticeship, provided the amount of credit allowed for any income or taxable year with respect to each such apprenticeship may not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars or fifty per cent of actual wages paid in such [income] year to an apprentice in the first half of a two-year term of apprenticeship or in the first three-quarters of a four-year term of apprenticeship, whichever is less. [(2) Effective for For income or taxable years commencing on [and] or after January 1, 2015, for purposes of this subsection, "taxpayer" includes an affected business entity, as defined in section 12-284b. [Any]

(2) (A) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2015, but prior to January 1 2022, any affected business entity allowed a credit under this subsection may sell, assign or otherwise transfer such credit, in whole or in part, to one or more taxpayers to offset any state tax due or otherwise payable by such taxpayers under this chapter, or, with respect to [income] taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2016, but prior to January 1, 2022, chapter 212 or 227, provided such credit may be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in whole or in part, not more than three times.

(B) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2022, (i) if a taxpayer is an S corporation or an entity that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, the shareholders or partners of such taxpayer may claim the credit under this subsection, and (ii) if a taxpayer is a single member limited liability company that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, the limited liability company's owner may claim the credit under this subsection.

(b) There shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer against the tax imposed under this chapter for any income year with respect to each apprenticeship in plastics and plastics-related trades commenced by such taxpayer in such year under a qualified apprenticeship training program as described in <u>subsection (d) of</u> this section, certified in accordance with regulations adopted <u>in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54</u> by the Labor Commissioner and registered with the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established under section 31-

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22n, which apprenticeship exceeds the average number of such apprenticeships begun by such taxpayer during the five income years immediately preceding the income year with respect to which such credit is allowed, in an amount equal to four dollars per hour multiplied by the total number of hours worked during the income year by apprentices in the first half of a two-year term of apprenticeship and the first three-quarters of a four-year term of apprenticeship, provided the amount of credit allowed for any income year with respect to each such apprenticeship may not exceed four thousand eight hundred dollars or fifty per cent of actual wages paid in such income year to an apprentice in the first half of a two-year term of apprenticeship or in the first three-quarters of a four-year term of apprenticeship, whichever is less.

(c) There shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer against the tax imposed under this chapter for any income year with respect to wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades by such taxpayer in such year that the apprentice and taxpayer participate in a qualified apprenticeship training program, as described in subsection (d) of this section, which (1) is at least four years in duration, (2) is certified in accordance with regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 by the Labor Commissioner, and (3) is registered with the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established under section 31-22n. The tax credit shall be (A) in an amount equal to two dollars per hour multiplied by the total number of hours completed by each apprentice toward completion of such program, and (B) awarded upon completion and notification of completion of such program in the income year in which such completion and notification occur, provided the amount of credit allowed for such income year with respect to each such apprentice may not exceed four thousand dollars or fifty per cent of actual wages paid over the first four income years for such apprenticeship, whichever is less.

(d) For purposes of this section, a qualified apprenticeship training program shall require at least four thousand but not more than eight thousand hours of apprenticeship training for certification of such apprenticeship by the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council. The

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amount of credit allowed any taxpayer under this section for any income <u>or taxable</u> year may not exceed the amount of tax due from such taxpayer under this chapter, <u>chapter 228z or chapter 229</u>, with respect to such income or taxable year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022, and applicable to income or taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2022	12-217g

Statement of Purpose:

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To allow pass-through entities to claim the manufacturing apprenticeship tax credit against the personal income tax or the affected business entity tax.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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